

Alumni Association Names Council Members for 2003-2005

The Shelton State Alumni Association, one of the oldest and largest community college associations in the state, officially inducted its new Alumni Council on September 9, 2003 in a ceremony on the Martin Campus.

Members of the 2003-2005 Shelton State Alumni Association Council include: President - Jean Epps; President Elect - Lisa Matherson; Treasurer - Ronda Shirley; Vice President at Large for Alumni Relations - Shirley Lipscomb; Assistant Chair of Alumni Relations – Jean Mack; Assistant Chair of Membership - Beth Murphy; Vice President at Large for Scholarships - Jackie Williams; Assistant Chair of Scholarships – Jean Epps; Vice President at Large for Special Events – Kathy Brown; Assistant Chair of Special Events - Polly Poovey; Retiree Advisor - Lyda Black; and Faculty Advisor - Byron Abston.

The Shelton State Alumni Association has long supported its students, faculty and staff. It is especially proud of the Louise Pruett Memorial Scholarship, which the association awards annually to a deserving adult student. The Association played an integral role in the past year's 50th anniver-

sary Jubilee Celebration and the council has an exciting slate of events planned for 2003-2004 including a more aggressive membership drive with a new and improved benefits package, an expanded fund raising drive, and an increased role in student recruitment.

"We are fortunate to have a very dedicated group of individuals who keep the Alumni Association thriving. The type of support that our alumni can offer to students, faculty and staff is immeasurable, and the council does a great job



The Alumni Council routinely provides information on the Alumni Association at campus events such as this year's retiree luncheon.

of harnessing that energy and support. Additionally, we enjoy keeping up with our former students and watching them grow, raise families and take their place in the West Alabama community. I believe that Shelton State can change lives and the Alumni Association affords us both the opportunity to help make a difference to more currently enrolled students and the opportunity to retain our relationship with our alumni," said Rick Rogers, president of Shelton State.

The Shelton State Alumni Association offers you the opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones. Through the Alumni Association, you'll have the chance to network with others who have attended Shelton State Community College and at the same time, give something back to the college. Anyone who has ever attended Shelton State Community College, including those who attended while the college was under a different name (J.P Shelton Trade School, Shelton State Technical College) and those who attended C.A. Fredd State Technical College are eligible for membership. Currently enrolled students, faculty and staff, corporate supporters, and friends of the college are also eligible for membership. For more information on the Shelton State Alumni Association, please contact Wendy Jones, Director of Public Relations and Alumni Affairs at 205/391-2310 or wjones@sheltonstate.edu.

Shelton State Alumni Association Now Accepting Applications for the Louise Pruett Memorial Scholarship for Adult Students

The Shelton State Alumni Association, one of the oldest and largest community college associations in the state, is now accepting applications for the Louise Pruett Memorial Scholarship for Adult Students.

Each applicant must be a currently enrolled, full-time Shelton State Community College student who has completed 12 semester hours and is age 25 or over. Preference will be given to active members of the Shelton State Alumni Association or family members of active alumni members, but this is not a requirement.

A completed application consists of: 1) The scholarship application which is available online at http://www.sheltonstate.edu/sscc/info/scholarships.aspx or by contacting Ronda Shirley on the Martin Campus at 205/391-2252; 2) Three letters of recommendation addressed to the Alumni Association Scholarship Committee; 3) An essay describing your educational goals. Please limit to two double spaced, typed pages; 4) A copy of your Shelton State transcript. Completed applications must be turned in to or mailed to the Alumni Association Office (Martin Campus room 3635) by noon on March 1, 2004. If mailing, please use the following address: Shelton State Community College, Alumni Association Scholarship, Box 199, 9500 Old Greensboro Road, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405.

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SO TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF... Landing your Dream Job 101

As a part of their
2004 Annual Meeting,
the Shelton State Alumni Association
will host

LANDING YOUR DREAM JOB 101
a fully interactive program which will offer

participants guidance on:

Creating the perfect resume
Writing attention-getting cover letters
and thank you notes
Selling yourself during an interview
Suiting for Success
Handling lunch and dinner interviews

Angelia Knight-Adams, PHR of the Career Placement Center in the UA College of Engineering, will share valuable job search information applicable to both those looking for their first real job and those who wish to advance their career by seeking new employment.

Participants will also be treated to a fashion show of the latest looks in interview attire, and will then have the opportunity to share what they have learned over a light buffet.

Tuesday, March 9 6:00 p.m.

Shelton State Community College

Martin Campus
D-Rooms
9500 Old Greensboro
Road

Cost is just \$10 including the meal.

Space is limited, so please call Ronda Shirley at 205/391-2252 to reserve your place before Wednesday, March 3

December Graduate Takes Top Honors in Horse Show

Twenty-two year old Angela Johnson has been riding horses since she was four and competing since she was six. Now she's been crowned a world champion by the American Paint Horse Association and just last month graduated from Shelton State Community College with a degree in Information Processing.

Throughout her high school and college years she maintained a GPA above a 3.0 and at Shelton State was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and has made the Dean's List, all while competing in rodeos.

"I started going to a few local rodeo's no more than two hours away from home. I started winning money in barrel racing and wanted to go to more, so I expanded my travel area and started going to rodeo's in Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Florida," said Johnson.

In 2003 Angela joined the Professional Cowboy's Association, Southern Roughstock Association, Triple E Rodeo Association, National Barrel Horse Association, and the American Paint Horse Association.

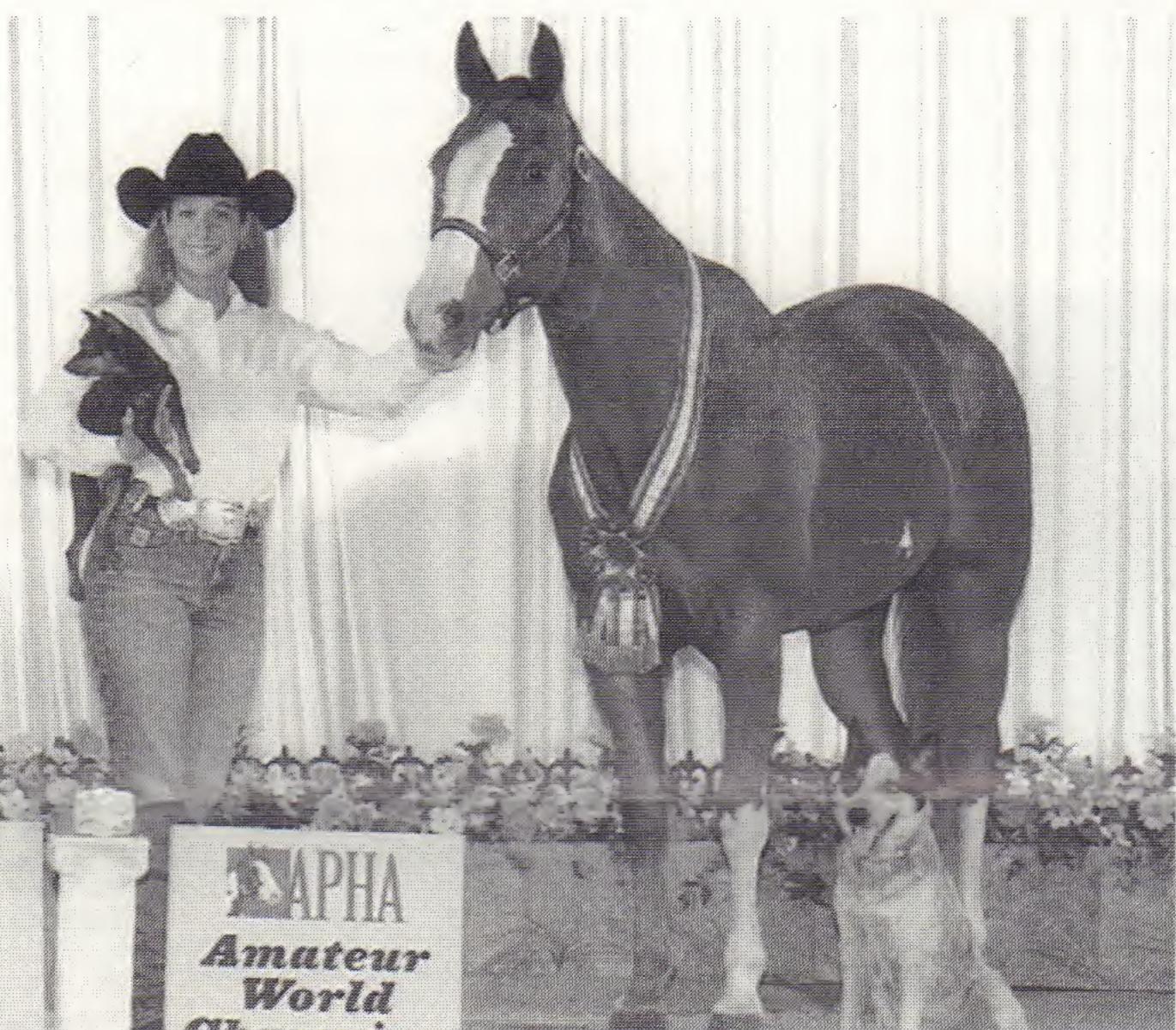
"Overall I travel about 50,000 miles a year going to rodeo's and barrel racings,"

Traveling in a Ford F350
Powerstroke Diesel 4-Door Dually
with a 4-horse trailer built with full
living quarters, it's convenient for the
young competitor to travel several
hours away from her home in Eutaw
and stay overnight. "This is how I
make my living so I don't mind traveling. We may leave home on Friday
morning going to a rodeo, compete
that night, leave and go to a barrel
racing Saturday morning, leave there
and compete in a rodeo Saturday
night."

Angela's mom, Frances
Johnson, travels with her at times,
but usually her fiancé, Johnny Luker,
a bull rider, is her highway companion. "It's great that I have someone to

travel with. We get to a rodeo and I'm entered in the barrel racing and he's entered in the bull tiding. My mother makes up the backbone of my rodeo life but she prefers to stay closer to home."

A member of the American Paint Horse Association, Angela looks forward to competing at the World Championship Paint Horse Show held in July in Fort Worth, Texas where she has been competing since



1990. And it seems this is a good competition for her having won 1991 Reserve World Champion (2nd place) Pole Bending, 1992 World Champion in Stakes Race, 1992 Reserve World Champion in Pole Bending, 1993 World Champion in Barrel Racing, 1993 Reserve World Champion in Pole Bending, 1997 World Champion in Stakes Race, 2001 Reserve World Champion in Stakes Race, 2001 Reserve World Champion in Stakes Race.

In 2002 Angela was ready for another title. "I competed in two Pole Bending classes and Stakes Race. My Pole classes didn't go so well; I hit a pole in my first class resulting in a five-second penalty and in my second class we placed eighth. I was a little upset with my previous runs so I was anxious for our turn in Stakes Race. I knew this would be my best class. I was third in the running order and

the two girls ahead of me posted really fast times so I was a little nervous."

"I entered the arena wanting to make the best run possible and I did. I took the lead with my run, but I had to wait for the rest of the class to go. My mother and Johnny were in the stands and when I entered the arena after the class was over they had big smiles on their faces so I knew I had won."

"It took a few minutes to sink

in but then the announcer called out my name as the World Champion and I watched my run on the big screen TV hanging from the ceiling."

Angela has two horses that are her main rodeo horses, a 16-year-old Paint mare named Victoria Cardinale, and a 6-year-old Quarter Horse gelding, Dot. "I was very proud of Victoria. This was our fourth world title together and we also have two Reserves

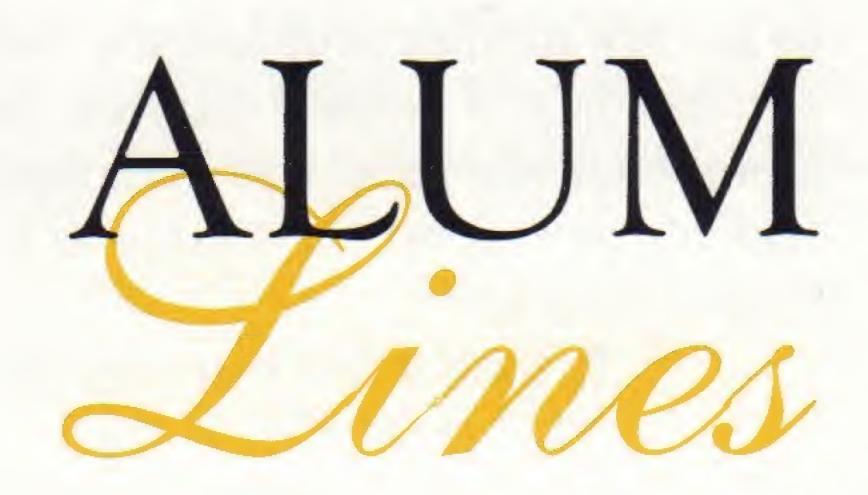
as well. She's really wonderful. I've raised and trained her myself. She tries her very best and always comes through for me when I need her."

Through all of her traveling Angela still finds time to compete in local horse shows and is a member of the Black Warrior Riding Club and the West Alabama Horseman's Association.

"Horses have been great for me. They are companions as well as competition partners. I have had a lot of success, but success does not come without its share of hardships such as the death of my father, Alton Johnson, in 1994. I thought that after his death I wouldn't be able to win another World Title, but I strived to win again. The best advice I can give is never give up and learn from your mistakes."



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